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Title: INFORMATION PROVIDING SERVER,
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SYSTEM PROCESSING METHOD,
RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDING A
PROGRAM, AND ADVERTISEMENT
PROVIDING METHOD

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese/Chinese application. A partial English translation of the Japanese Office Action of August 23, 2005, follows:

Cited Literature 1 describes a system which causes an image of a virtual reality space (corresponding to “three-dimensional image data” of the present application) to be displayed, wherein an advertising tower (advertising information) is associated with a specific location in the virtual reality space and is displayed to the user using the virtual reality space based on that user’s viewpoint location.

However, Cited Literature 2 describes the technique of generating a three-dimensional map based on multiple aerial photographs (corresponding to “generating based on image information obtained by photographing the same area from different places and wherein the physical locations are clear” in the present application). Furthermore, Cited Literature 3 describes a technique providing settable posting periods for advertisements (see especially paragraph (0039)).

Cited Literature 4 describes the technique whereby, when a user selects a facility on a map, facility information for that facility is transmitted to a URL search support server (corresponding to the “search engine” of the present application) and a URL (link information) is obtained.

Cited Literature 5 describes the technique of collecting user movement history, whereby when there is no change of location for a set period of time, the user is judged to be staying there (see especially paragraph (0024)), and it is recoded along with town information for that location.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H8-087489
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-329552
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-212999
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-137737
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-293506

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

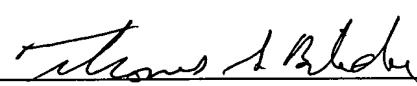

Corresponding U.S. patent documents are provided, where available. English language abstracts are provided for each foreign language reference. Applicant respectfully requests that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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